

REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner.

Upon entry of this response, Claims 1-3 and 8-21 will be all the claims pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 2, 9, 14, 15, and 19 are amended; Claims 4-7 are cancelled without prejudice; and Claim 21 is newly added. In addition, the Specification has also been amended as set forth above.

Applicants respectfully submit no new matter has been added by the present amendment. Support for the amendment can be found generally throughout the text.

The Office is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections presented in the outstanding Office Action in light of the following remarks.

I. Rejections

Claims 1-7 and 9-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

As indicated above, Claims 1, 2, 9, 14, 15, and 19 have been amended while Claims 4-7 have been canceled. Applicants submit that such amendments overcome the present rejections and, therefore, Applicants request their withdrawal.

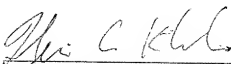
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-3 and 8-21 are in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper and/or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2527.

Respectfully submitted,

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